

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Pleasant View

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 21000 Georgia Ave. (Rt. 97)

not for publication

city, town Brookeville

vicinity of

congressional district 8th

state Maryland

county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>district</u>	<u>public</u>	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>agriculture</u>
<u>X building(s)</u>	<u>X private</u>	<u>unoccupied</u>	<u>commercial</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u>
<u>site</u>	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u>entertainment</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<u>yes: restricted</u>	<u>government</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes: unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u>
	<u>not applicable</u>	<u>X no</u>	<u>military</u>
			<u>museum</u>
			<u>park</u>
			<u>X private residence</u>
			<u>religious</u>
			<u>scientific</u>
			<u>transportation</u>
			<u>other:</u>

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James & Barbara Lessig

street & number 21000 Georgia Ave.

telephone no.:

city, town Brookeville

state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mont. Co. court House liber 3816

street & number folio 665

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976

federal X state X county local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

M:23-47

7. DESCRIPTION					
CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE					
<p>The house is a two-story, frame building with a three-bay, main (north) facade. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash. On the west end is a one-story, frame wing. The chimney is interior to this section with the fireplace in the one story section. The east end is two rooms with a frame partition. The west end is one room.</p> <p>The dairy west of the house is stone; a second story has been added to it.</p>					

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8. Significance

Survey No.

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Pleasant View house is significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house was probably built by Allen Bowie Davis, a farmer, extensive land holder and former state senator, for one of his farm hands about 1870.¹ The house sat on Davis' 662 or so acre farm. The land was part of tracts referred to as "Brooke Grove" and "Gould's Branch." In June of 1885, Davis sold the house and 17 acres to Lafayette Dwyer, a worker on his farm, for \$1200.² The later addition was probably made to the house between 1881 and 1886.³

In May of 1924, Dwyer sold the house to Samuel and Annie Speck.⁴ The Specks sold the house in 1951 and it passed through a succession of owners until it was purchased in 1968 by the present owners, James B. and Barbara M. Lessig. The house now sits on a 5.387 acre lot.⁵ Also, located behind the house is the foundation of a building along with a mill race and dam. This could possibly have been the site of an early mill or forge, long since in ruins.

¹ Date is based on the fact that the house appears on the Hopkins Atlas of 1878 but not on the Martenet & Bond map of 1865 or on Allen B. Davis' private survey of his property mapped out in 1857.

² Deed JA 1/105, Mont. Co. Land Records.

³ Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bk., 1886-1940.

⁴ Deed 352/279, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁵ Deed 3816/665, "

Attachment Sheet

There is some dispute as to the date of construction for this structure. The present owners have stated that a date found on a fireplace mantel indicated that the house is earlier than it is said to be here. The house, however, does not appear with the other buildings found on Allen Bowie Davis' private survey of his property done in 1857. The house is of some interest architecturally but, its significance would probably lay in its history rather than its architecture. The house was the residence of the mill hand who ran Allen Bowie Davis' mill located on Gold Branch and remains of the mill foundation and the mill race are located on the property. Thus, this was part of the A.B. Davis estate which is an important historical/architectural site. In addition, the Pleasant View house is said to have been the residence of the toll-gate keeper who collected toll for the early passage of this road.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:23-47

Mont. Co. Land Records
Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Books

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5.387

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Comm. date 8/82

street & number _____

telephone _____

city or town Rockvillestate Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Pleasant View				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21000 Georgia Avenue (Rte. 97)				
CITY OR TOWN: Brookeville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: James B. Lessig				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21000 Georgia Avenue (Rte. 97)				
CITY OR TOWN: Brookeville			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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B. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house was the residence of the mill hand who ran Allen Bowie Davis' mill on Gold Branch. The mill foundation and remains of the mill race are behind the house (to the north on Gregg Road).

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

11 Nov 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated April 25, 1989

ACTION TAKEN

This document contains the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission's recommendations on the designation of twenty-two (22) historic resources throughout Montgomery County. Twenty-one resources are recommended for historic designation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. One resource is not recommended for designation.

SITES RECOMMENDED

M: 10/52	Charles Browning Farm
M: 10/57	Zeigler Log House
M: 12/11	Frederick Hayes House
M: 12/36	Oak Ridge/Eleven Brothers
M: 14/51	Woodburn/Blunt House
M: 16/1	Trundle Farm
M: 16/12	Warren E.M. Church and associated bldgs.
M: 16/26	Nathan Dickerson Poole House/River View
M: 23/41	Musgrove/Hobbs/Gaither House
M: 23/47	Pleasant View
M: 23/84-1	Ellicott Mine
M: 25/8	Mount Prospect
M: 25/10-1	Travilah Town Hall
M: 28/34	Mount Pleasant II/Esther Scott House
M: 29/9	Dr. Willett House
M: 29/19	Joseph Magruder House
M: 33/1	Drumeldra
M: 34/10	Conley House
M: 36/03	Rock Creek Stables/Old Callahan Estate
M: 37/01	Waterworks Site/Sligo Creek
M: 37/02	The President's Tree

NOT RECOMMENDED

M: 25/19 Semmes Farm

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated August 15, 1989

ACTION TAKEN

This amendment recommends 18 historic resources throughout Montgomery County for historic designation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. It also recommends that 4 other resources be found not to warrant historic designation and that they be removed from the Locational Atlas and from further protection under the Ordinance.

18 historic resources recommended for historic designation and protection:

M: 10-52	Charles Browning Farm
M: 10-57	Zeigler Log House
M: 12-11	Frederick Hayes House
M: 12-36	Oak Ridge/Eleven Brothers
M: 14-51	Woodburn/Blunt House
M: 16-1	Trundle Farm
M: 16-12	Warren M.E. Church and Martinsburg Negro School
M: 16/26	Nathan Dickerson Poole House/River View
M: 23-41	Musgrove/Hobbs/Gaither House
M: 23-47	Pleasant View
M: 23-84/1	Ellicott Mine
M: 25-8	Mt. Prospect
M: 25-10/1	Travilah Town Hall
M: 29/9	Dr. Willett House
M: 29-19	Joseph Magruder House (Offutt House)
M: 33-1	Drumeldra
M: 34-10	Conley House/Green Ridge
M: 36-3	Rock Creek Stables/Old Callahan Estate

4 resources to be removed from Locational Atlas.

M: 25-19	Semmes Farm	M: 37-1	Waterworks Site/Sligo Creek
M: 37-2	Presidents' Tree	M: 28-34	Mt. Pleasant II

MIN
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

March 21, 1986

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TO: Richard Ferrara, Director
Department of Housing and Community Development
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Department of Environmental Protection
✓ J. Rodney Little, Director
State Historic Preservation Office
Philip Cantelon, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Melissa C. Banach, Coordinator
Community Planning North

SUBJECT: Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for
Historic Preservation: Northern and Eastern
Montgomery County Resources

I am pleased to transmit to you this Preliminary Draft
Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation:
Northern and Eastern Montgomery County Resources.

This document contains the recommendations of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission on approximately 80 historic sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring, Aspen Hill, and Burtonsville areas of the County.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this Preliminary Draft Amendment on Monday, April 21, 1986, at 7:30 P.M., in the Auditorium of the Montgomery Regional Office at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Should you have any questions concerning this specific Preliminary Draft Amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart at 495-4565.

MCB:MR:dws
Attachment

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT

AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED AND ADOPTED
MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

NORTHERN AND EASTERN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES

Including sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring,
Aspen Hill, Norbeck and Burtonsville Areas

March 1986

An amendment to the 1980 Olney Master Plan, 1980 Sandy Spring/
Ashton Special Study Plan, 1970 Aspen Hill Master Plan, and the
1981 Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan; being also an
amendment to the General Plan for the Physical Development of the
Maryland-Washington Regional District and to the Master Plan of
Highways within Montgomery County, Maryland.

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3090

IMPLEMENTATION

Once designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, any substantial changes to the exterior of a resource or its environmental setting must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and a historic area work permit issued. The Ordinance also empowers the County's Department of Environmental Protection and the Historic Preservation Commission to prevent the demolition of historic buildings through neglect.

It is the intent of the Master Plan and Ordinance to provide a rational system for evaluating, protecting and enhancing Montgomery County's heritage for the benefit of present and future residents. The accompanying challenge is to weave protection for this heritage into the County's planning program so as to maximize community support for preservation and minimize infringement on private property rights.

THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this Preliminary Draft Amendment is to consider the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission's recommendations that the following sites be designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation and protected under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. A copy of the Ordinance is provided in Appendix B of this document.

(NOTE: Unless otherwise specified in the Preservation Commission's nomination, the recommended environmental setting for each site is the entire parcel on which the resource is located as of the date it is designated on the Master Plan as defined in Section 24A-2 of the County's Preservation Ordinance. Where additional buildings of historical or architectural importance are associated with a site, these buildings are noted in the nomination as being part of the recommended setting.)

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
15/55	Spencer/Carr House	2420 Spencerville
-	Dating from 1855 with a rear section added in the 1870's, this three-story house is distinguished by three over three windows on the third floor and a one-story porch with bracketed pillars on the front facade.	
-	Significant as an example of the "Spencerville style", a local style characterized by a special grouping of architectural detail most notably half windows on the third story extending into the boxed cornice and roof line.	

23/31 Pleasant Fields/Sundown Hills 4615 Sundown Road

- Circa 1775 -- Georgian style stone house of tremendous proportion and of a scale not usually found in houses of the era.
- The house shows touches of high quality such as the suggestion of brick flat arches in the lintels of the first story windows and the use of larger cut stones in the water table in the front of the house.
- Associated with Henry Gaither I, an important Revolutionary era figure, and with other generations of the Gaither family, throughout much of the 19th century.
- Included in the recommended setting is the main house, the small stone smokehouse, and the Gaither family cemetery.

23/33 Dr. Dwyer House (Bleakwood) 3730 Damascus Road

- Built in 1877, this two-story frame house features a central gable with arched window, a central entrance with transom and side lights, internal, end chimneys and a one-story porch across the front facade.
- Significant as a largely unaltered example of the Gothic Revival architecture prevalent in the County in the late 1800's with notable mill work on the front porch.

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Pleasant View 21000 Georgia Avenue

- Dating from 1870, this two story frame house has undergone successive sympathetic additions which chronicle its growth from a late Federal style residential structure through the turn of the century into the 1940's.
- Believed built by Allen Bowie Davis, extensive land holder and one time State senator, as a residence for his mill hand, operator of the estate's mill located on Gold Branch.
- A number of excellent outbuildings as well as remnants of the mill race are included in the recommended setting.

23/50 Charles A.C. Higgens Farm 4300 Gregg Road

- Dating from 1869, this two and one-half-story frame farmhouse features white novelty siding, wrap-around porch with turned posts and jigsawed brackets and an intersecting gable roof with red, raised-seamed, metal covering.



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NAME PLEASANT VIEW

LOCATION RTE. 97 + GOLD'S BRANCH, BROOKSVILLE, MD.

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PHOTO TAKEN 11/11/74

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